

What is claimed is:

5. (New) A hand stamp, comprising:

a handle;

5 a housing for forming a positioning frame opening;

a stamp platen biased into a predetermined idle position within the housing for selectively supporting a stamp impression member seated in a receptacle;

10 a flexible foldable bellows extending between the handle and the housing;

a stem in the bellows for connecting the handle to the stamp platen for selective movement thereof between the predetermined position and a stamping position; and

15 a snap-fit connection means for releasably connecting the receptacle to the platen.

6. (New) The hand stamp of claim 5, wherein the flexible bellows ¹⁵ is formed integrally with the handle.

20 7. (New) The hand stamp of claim 6, wherein the handle is provided with a cap removable for rendering the stem accessible.

8. (New) The hand stamp of claim 7, wherein the stem is provided with threaded means for changing the predetermined idle position of the stamp
25 platen.

9. (New) The hand stamp of claim 5, wherein the receptacle is initially releasably retained in the positioning frame opening and adapted to be engaged by the stamp platen upon movement thereof towards the stamping
30 position.

10. (New) The hand stamp of claim 9, wherein the receptacle is provided with at least one separator for dividing the impression member into a plurality of sections.

- 5 11. (New) The hand stamp of claim 5, wherein the receptacle is initially provided in a transport case having a removable cap facing the impression member.

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